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## **USING FALSE IDENTITY NETS POT DISTRIBUTOR THREE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

CINCINNATI - Kenneth Goldson, age 40, of Cincinnati, Ohio was sentenced to serve 36 months of incarceration, 3 years of supervised release, ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$2,000, and faces deportation to his native country of Jamaica for his role in a conspiracy to distribute marijuana through a neighborhood market in Mt. Auburn.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Cromwell A. Handy, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation; and Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the sentence that was handed down today by Senior United States District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel.

According to court documents, Goldson was responsible for distribution of approximately 1,700 pounds of marijuana in Cincinnati between October 1999 and July 2000. Goldson was responsible for wiring approximately \$1.7 million in currency from the Corner Market in Mt. Auburn to various locations in Los Angeles to pay for the marijuana. Goldson recruited his girlfriend, Jacqueline Hancock, along with Christy Scruggs, John Straughn, and others to conduct the wire transfers. Straughn owned the Corner Market. On several occasions, Goldson or Hancock gave Straughn more than \$30,000 to wire to Los Angeles.

In July 2001, Goldson, was arrested for trafficking approximately 238 pounds of marijuana. When he was arrested, he provided a false name, "Michael Maddox", and social security number to the officers of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Regional Narcotics Unit (RENU), the Hamilton County Court, and the Ohio Bureau of Prisons. He served four years in state custody for the drug trafficking.

A federal grand jury indicted Goldson shortly before his release from state prison, charging him with conspiracy to distribute marijuana, money laundering, and false use of a Social Security Number.

Straughn, Scruggs and Hancock have pled guilty to related crimes and are awaiting sentencing.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by agents and officers of the FBI, IRS Criminal Investigation, and RENU.

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